

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 3 to read as follows:

Figure 3 is a cutaway view of the embodiment depicted in Figure 1 along axis 3-3 A-A';

and

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 4 to read as follows:

An inventive key cover form incorporates a tactile feature on first sidewall 12 or along first sidewall edge 18 46. As used herein “tactile feature” is defined to include a raised or depressed topological aspect relative to a plane defined by the sidewall or lower edge of an inventive key cover form. Tactile features according to the present invention illustratively include raised or depressed geometric shapes integral with a sidewall and illustratively including a circle, a triangle, a square, a parallelogram, a bar, a star, a cross, a heart, and an icon of such features as a house, a vehicle, an animal, and a human form; and an edge treatment illustratively including a row of three-dimensional shapes such as spheres, pyramids, cubes, or combinations thereof; a barbell; and a braid. While it is appreciated that any number of tactile features are operative within the present invention, such a feature must have a discernable feel that is readily described orally in the absence of the inventive key cover. Optionally, the tactile feature 22 is duplicated on the second sidewall 14 or second edge 18.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 20 of page 4 to read as follows:

With particular reference to Figure 4, a securement or key ring including at least two keys encompassed by inventive key covers is operative to operate locks under poor lighting conditions

where each of the key covers has a different tactile feature associated therewith. A user through touch is able to identify each of the key covers and thereby select the appropriate key for a given lock. Additionally, a user can readily communicate to another individual information or a message that corresponds to a particular key.